

DIAA Sportsmanship Committee Meeting
Spring Season, 2011
July 12, 2011/Rescheduled to August 1, 2011
Hayward House at the Tower Hill School

1- Welcome and Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:03am by Jack Holloway Chairing for Chris Wheeler.

2- In Attendance:

Jack Holloway [acting Chairperson], Glen Stevenson, Bill Legge, Edna Cale, Pete Celeberti, Sebrina Perialas, Joan Samonisky. Also in attendance were Kevin Charles, DIAA Executive Director and Thomas Neubauer, DIAA Coordinator of Officials/Events.

3- Review of Sportsmanship Data from Spring 2011 Season

Mr. Neubauer presented the compiled Sportsmanship data from the spring, 2011 season.

4- Review of Sportsmanship Data from School Year 2010-2011

Mr. Neubauer presented the compiled Sportsmanship data from the entire 2010-11 school year. The Committee requested a 5 year compilation of all sportsmanship incidents be compiled and sent to the Committee by the Fall, 2011 Meeting [12-15-11].

5- Review of Soccer Yellow Card data for the School Year 2010-2011

Mr. Neubauer presented the compiled Soccer [Boys & Girls] card accumulation data from the school year 2010-11. The Committee noted that the tone that Soccer Officials were using with players and coaches needs to be addressed at the Fall and Spring Rules Clinic. Mr. Neubauer noted this for the Clinic presentation.

6- Review of Incidents reported to DIAA

In the Matter of HVT v UA Girls Basketball Game –

The Committee postponed reviewing this incident from the March Meeting upon advice of DAG to due to pending court action. DAG advised to review only after court case is final. DIAA office will finish all investigation of the incident and report to the Committee at a Special Meeting to be called.

7- In the Matter of Dover v CR Football Game –

Mr. Charles reported to the Committee about the appeal made by Dover HS, and a Dover parent. He presented the concerns that were expressed by this parent.

Mr. Celeberti informed the Committee that the complaint of the Officiating Crew not responding to the Coaches' complaints is on the Delmarva Football Officials Association pre-season training agenda and that as an Association they will develop a plan for such situations.

The Committee instructed Mr. Neubauer to include in the Football Rules Clinic presentation the procedure for Coaches, Captains and Officials to correctly interact on the field so as to communicate concerns about taunting, trash-talking or other perceived rules violations.

8- In the Matter of IAABO Board 129 Basketball Official-

Mr. Charles reported that a member of IAABO Board 129 was reported to have used a social media website on the Internet inappropriately to contact a minor student-athlete. Officers of Board 129 made the DIAA office aware of the transgression in March, 2011, just before the individual was scheduled to officiate in the DIAA State Basketball Tournament. Board 129 elected to withdraw this individual from the Tournament Schedule and refer the matter to the DIAA. The Committee discussed the details of the incident. Mr. Holloway made a motion to suspend this individual from working all contests

played by DIAA member school pending his appearance before the Sportsmanship Committee, the motion was seconded by Ms. Cale and passed unanimously.

9- Selection of DIAA Sportsmanship Award winners

The Committee reviewed the 2010-11 DIAA Sportsmanship Award applications and announced the following schools as winners:

William Penn, Concord, Tower Hill, Sussex Tech, Caesar Rodney, Phillis Wheatley Middle School, Lake Forest, Seaford, Conrad, AI duPont, Mc Kean, Milford, Wilmington Christian.

10- Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 2:58pm.